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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 8 May 1956

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding*

Acting Chairman, Board of National Estimates

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Ridgely Gaither, Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Robert H. Rice, acting for Director of Naval
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Alan Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

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2. Executive Session

At 1155 Mr. Dulles requested an Executive Session, at which the members discussed certain matters relevant to the Symington Committee hearings. ([] presided over a portion of the Executive Session and the balance of the regular IAC meeting, which resumed at 1305.)

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3. Approval of Minutes
24 April Meeting
(IAC-M-238)

Approved as written.

4. Watch Committee Reports
No. 299 and No. 300

Noted.

5. Reports of IAC Ad Hoc Working
Group on Arab-Israeli Situation
(Memorandum to IAC, 4 May 1956)

a. General Gaither noted that he had raised this matter primarily because of questions which had arisen concerning the distribution of these reports to US commands and establishments overseas.

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b. The members agreed that the following procedure should govern the handling of future editions of these reports: (1) the covers of the reports will indicate clearly that they are working papers prepared by an ad hoc working group of the IAC, but not specifically approved by the IAC itself; (2) the IAC will note the reports but will not formally coordinate or approve them; (3) at the time of noting, the IAC will consider any questions of authorizing wider dissemination by individual members.

c. The members agreed that copies of previously published reports of the ad hoc working group might be sent to US commands or establishments abroad in the discretion and on the responsibility of individual agencies, with the suggestion that such copies be appropriately marked to identify them as working documents which had not been approved by the IAC itself.

6. IAC Concurrence in Army
Sponsorship of "Mass Feeding"
Exchange
(IAC-D-103/1, 3 May 1956)

a. General Gaither and other members discussed this report, particularly with respect to the precise procedure to be followed in designating the Department of the Army as the sponsoring agency in this field. They also exchanged views briefly on the probable net intelligence gain which the US might derive from such an exchange. According to Mr. Belmont, the FBI considered that the probable net advantage to the US from the exchange program had not been concretely demonstrated, and that such exchanges would involve a potential security risk.

b. The members, by virtue of their acceptance of an amendment, proposed by General Gaither, to the recommended action in paragraph 3, approved, solely from the standpoint of greatest possible net intelligence advantage, the selection of the Department of the Army as the sponsoring agency for an exchange in this field. The members also agreed that the IAC should inform the State Department of this conclusion and recommend that if the concept of an exchange in this field is approved as consistent with

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appropriate national security policies and propaganda objectives, the State Department invite the cooperation of the Department of Defense in this regard.

7. NIE 100-3-56
Sino-Soviet Policy and Its
Probable Effects in Under-
developed Areas

- a. Post-Mortem
(Memorandum to IAC, 3 May 1956)

The members noted the findings and approved the recommendations of this post-mortem. In the course of the discussion, Mr. Armstrong noted the statement in paragraph 1, indicating that the approach of this post-mortem differed somewhat from that of post-mortems on other estimates, and the members agreed that it should not serve as a precedent for future post-mortems.

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9. NIE 51-56
India Over the Next
Five Years

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Noted the findings and approved the recommendations of the post-mortem on this estimate.
- c. Noted the validity study of NIE 79, "Probable Developments in South Asia," approved 23 June 1953.

10. "Situation Room" in
the White House

Mr. Sheldon informed the members that the White House had asked the Director of Central Intelligence to assist in setting up a "situation room" in the White House, and in providing any necessary intelligence or personnel to support the project. He stated that the deadline for completion of the "situation room" is 1 July, in order that it may be in readiness for Operation Alert. Mr. Sheldon added that the DCI has accepted, but desires support from the IAC agencies, particularly in Order of Battle information.

After a brief discussion of various problems connected with the operation of the "situation room," the members agreed to designate representatives with whom Mr. Sheldon could consult in order to work out details of plans for support of the project by the IAC agencies concerned.

Adjournment: 1425



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